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Griffith to host 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour

Griffith has been named as one of 36 successful destinations to host the iconic 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup, with the coveted trophy set to visit the city on Thursday, 19 June 2025.

The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour is a key initiative of the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) and has become one of the nation's most cherished community engagement programs. Since its inception in 2003, the three-handled Cup, now valued at a record \$850,000, has travelled over one million kilometres, reaching more than 680 destinations across the globe.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said, Council is thrilled to welcome the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour to Griffith.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to celebrate an Australian sporting icon and to come together for a memorable and meaningful experience," Councillor Curran said.

The Tour offers communities the opportunity to learn about the history of the Cup, hear from racing legends and take part in fundraising events that support local charities and community groups. Over the past two decades, the Tour has connected with tens of thousands of people and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for important causes.

Griffith has also been selected as one of 24 destinations in the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep. Each participating town is randomly allocated a barrier for the 2025 Melbourne Cup. The town that draws the barrier of the Cup-winning horse will receive a \$50,000 donation to contribute to a local charity of their choice.

The visit to Griffith will feature a range of community events and celebrations, offering locals and visitors the rare opportunity to see the 18-carat gold Lexus Melbourne Cup trophy up close.

Further details and events will be released in the coming weeks. To stay up-to-date, visit www.visitgriffith.com.au

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